

THE 321ST INFANTRY

The later changes in company commanders were so frequent and numerous, no attempt has been made to record each change.

PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE.

After the first of July the "speed-it-up" fever struck the 81st. Then it was clear that our days in the States were numbered. About July 10 it was generally known that Sunday, July 14, would be our farewell day in Camp Sevier. It was suggested that those who wanted that farewell kiss had better have business at once with some telegraph or telephone operator.

These last days in Camp Sevier were marked by hard work and a mixture of strange feelings. For the first time most of us realized that we were going to war, actually going to fight among bursting shells and dying men. Much of the serious thinking about the grim horrors of war was done during those last days at Sevier. After that most of the men apparently thought little about what might happen to them at the front. Many of them manifested a stolid indifference toward the horrors of war and accepted with a striking nonchalance each order to move toward the scene of action. So far as we were concerned, the bridges might be burned behind us—provided they were rebuilt for a return journey immediately after the fighting was